Top Three Nominees in Each Category for the Federal Employee of the Year Awards:

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1. Shaun L Edwards U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District
- 2. Brenda Jackson Federal Aviation Administration, FSDO
- 3. Kevin McGee U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District

Category Winner: Kevin McGee – U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District.

CLERICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- 1. Jennifer Calderon-Diaz NOAA-AOML-HRD
- 2. Keila Castro, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- 3. Erick Meza Transportation Security Administration, Miami

Category Winner: Keila Castro, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 1. Bimini Superfast Inspection Team U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Miami
- 2. Miami Regional Carrier Liaison Group, TAU and Passenger Enforcement (Rovers), U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- 3. South Florida Organized Fraud Task Force, U.S Secret Service

Category Winner: South Florida Organized Fraud Task Force, U.S. Secret Service

MANAGEMENT

- 1. David Abrahams U.S. Southern Command
- 2. Robert Knotts U.S. Southern Command
- 3. Lt. Paul Turner U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Miami

Category Winner: Lt. Paul Turner, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Miami

PROFESSIONAL

- 1. Vladimir Diaz, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 2. Cynthia Lang Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Palm Beach
- 3. Vincent McKilligan Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Palm Beach

Category Winners – We have a tie!

Vladimir Diaz, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Cynthia Lang, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Palm Beach

SCIENTIFIC

- 1. Dr. Rick Lumpkin NOAA, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory
- 2. NOAA/OAR/AOML/HRD Model Development Team NOAA, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory
- 3. None

Category Winner:

NOAA/OAR/AOML/HRD Model Development Team - NOAA, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 1. Debbie Brown Miami Veterans Affairs HealthCare System
- 2. Nitza Torres Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Palm Beach
- 3. Eric Wishner Miami Veterans Affairs HealthCare System

Category Winner: Nitza Torres, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Palm Beach

TECHNICAL

- 1. Kim Clemons Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville (FLCJ), Detachment Key West
- 2. Foreign Disclosure Office U.S. Southern Command
- 3. USSOUTHCOM TSCMIS Branch U.S. Southern Command

Category Winner: USSOUTHCOM TSCMIS Branch, U.S. Southern Command

TRADES AND CRAFTS

- 1. Larry Carreker Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Palm Beach
- 2. Operations Maintenance Division, Naval Air Station Key West
- 3. None

Category Winner: Operations Maintenance Division, Naval Air Station Key West

VALOR

- 1. Edna Quinones U.S. Army Garrison Miami
- 2. Virginia Rhodes U.S. Postal Service
- 3. USCGC RICHARD ETHERIDGE (WPC-1102) Boarding Team U.S. Coast Guard Sector Miami

Category Winner: USCGC RICHARD ETHERIDGE Boarding Team, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Miami

OVERALL WINNER-49TH ANNUAL FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Lt. Paul Turner, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Miami

Congratulations to our nominees, truly representing the "Excellence Among Us"